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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7377**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1537

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 14, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 10, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Firefighting Equipment.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ruppel

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **X DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a person registering a vehicle to donate at least \$1 to be placed in a special account for grants to units of local governments to purchase fire equipment for volunteer fire departments. It provides that an emergency medical dispatch agency does not have to be certified by the Emergency Medical Services Commission as an emergency medical dispatch agency until July 1, 2006.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may deduct from the funds collected the costs incurred by the BMV in implementing and administering this proposal.

The provisions regarding the Emergency Medical Services Commission should not have a fiscal impact.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** In CY 2004, there were 5,997,357 vehicles registered in the state. If one percent of those who registered vehicles donated the minimum of \$1, the amount generated would total approximately \$60,000. The fund affected is the Fire Services Fund and the Fire Equipment Grant Account.

This fund is to be used for grants to units of local governments to purchase fire equipment for volunteer fire departments. The Auditor of State is to monthly distribute money in the Fire Equipment Grant Account to the Fire Services Fund and report to the Emergency Management, Fire and Building Services, and Public Safety Training Foundation the amount of donations made in each county during the preceding month.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** See *Explanation of State Revenues*.

**State Agencies Affected:** Emergency Medical Services Commission; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Auditor of State; State Treasurer.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units who are recipients of grants.

**Information Sources:**

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